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CDC monitoring of travellers

To Whom it May Concern:

The Washington Post article (Nov. 22) about the CDC power to quarantine and monitor travellers said that the Agency is taking public comment on the issue for the next 60 days. I would like to comment on this issue.

I am NOT in favor of the government collecting personal information and following the movement of travellers. This type of monitoring would be a gross invasion of privacy and an affront to civil liberties.

Those among us who are well informed about this issue know that the current H5N1 has NOT even developed the capacity to transmit itself from human to human. It may never do so at all. Considering these facts, there could be no "healthy" or reasonable use of such private information.

Also, I have heard no reference to this use of power by the CDC outside of The Washington Post article. This is a free and democratic society, and for such moves to even be proposed without extensive public debate is wrong and secretive. I hope that the CDC will publicize this issue so that others can be aware that there is even an issue about which to comment.

Sincerely,
Alison Ligon

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